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1. CONSULTATION HELD JAN 19 WITH TURKISH MTN DELS (EKE AND ULUTAS) ON THEIR TROPICAL PRODUCT (TP) REQUEST LIST. US DETAILED THREE CATEGORIES OF US REACTIONS, OUTLINED POSITION ON RECIPROCITY IN TP CONTEXT, AND INDICATED GSP ITEMS IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO PREVIOUS REPORTING CABLES ON CONSULTATIONS. PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS OCCURRED ON FIGS, HAZELNUTS, AND ORIENTAL TOBACCO.

2. DRIED FIGS AND FIG PUREE. MTN DEL INDICATED THAT DRIED FIG (TSUS 147.53-53) WERE CATEGORY 2 PRODUCTS NOTING THAT TURKEY HAD APPROXIMATELY 10 PCT OF THE MARKET BUT THAT THE MAJOR SUPPLIER, GREECE WITH 90 PCT OF THE MARKET, HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT MADE REQUESTS IN THE TP GROUP. FIG PUREE (TSUS

152.50) ALSO A CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT SINCE OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, SIMILARLY HAD NOT MADE REQUESTS IN TP GROUP AND FIG PUREE TENDED TO BE IMPORT SENSITIVE. TURKISH DEL INSISTED ON CONCESSIONS ON THESE PRODUCTS AND NOTED THAT THEY DID NOT SHARE OUR VIEWS IN THAT IF ONE OF SEVERAL SUPPLIERS REQUESTED A CONCESSION THE US SHOULD STILL RESPECT THE REQUEST. THEY ASKED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IF US COULD MOVE FIG PUREE TO CATEGORY 1 IF TURKEY GAVE RECIPROCITY. MTN DEL STATED HE WOULD REPORT THEIR VIEWS NOTING THAT THE TP GROUP MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST PLACE TO NEGOTIATE THESE ITEMS, THAT THEY WERE ONLY IN THIS CONTEXT BECAUSE TURKEY HAD MADE A REQUEST IN THIS GROUP, THAT THE SUPPLIERS OF THIS PRODUCT TO OUR MARKET HAD MADE NO STATEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE TP GROUP, AND THAT US PRODUCTION OF THESE PRODUCTS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO NEGOTIATE THEM IN THE TP GROUP.

3. HAZELNUTS. MTN DEL PER INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED THAT SHELLED HAZELNUTS, TSUS 145.46, WAS A CATEGORY 2 PRODUCT. 1972-1974 TRADE FIGURES INDICATE THAT TURKEY HAD NO LESS THAN 94 PCT OF THE MARKET AND TRADE OF OVER \$5 MILLION ON THIS PRODUCT. TURKEY NOTED ITS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS PRODUCT. COMMENT: MTN DEL HAS NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THIS PRODUCT ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE. END COMMENT

4. ORIENTAL TOBACCO. TURKISH DEL NOTED US VIEWS ON TOBACCO IN THE TP CONTEXT BUT STATED THAT ORIENTAL TOBACCO (TSUS 170.28) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A TROPICAL PRODUCT. HE NOTED THAT ONLY PRODUCTION OF ORIENTAL TOBACCO WAS IN TURKEY, GREECE, AND YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT TURKEY ACHIEVE A CONCESSION ON THIS PRODUCT. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION THEY NOTED THAT THE PRODUCT NEED NOT BE NEGOTIATED IN THE TP GROUP BUT PROPOSED THAT THE FOUR PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES INVOLVED DISCUSS THIS PRODUCT IN SOME FORUM. THEY INTERPRETED OUR RELUCTANCE TO PURSUE TOBACCO IN THE TP GROUP AS RELATED TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE EC MARKET. THEY NOTED THAT WE COULD TRY TO ACHIEVE THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOAL IN OTHER GROUPS BUT STRESSED ORIENTAL TOBACCO BE TREATED SEPARATELY. MTN DEL RESPONDED THAT OUR OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO TOBACCO WERE NOT DIRECTED AT ANY ONE COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES. IF TOBACCO WERE TO BE NEGOTIATED, WE WOULD HAVE TO ACHIEVE LIBERALIZATION IN MANY MARKETS INCLUDING DEVELOPING COUNTRY MARKETS. TOBACCO REPRESENTED A GROUP OF PRODUCTS ON WHICH THE US ALREADY HAD RELATIVELY LOW DUTIES AND

THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE CONCESSIONS
IF WE WERE TO FURTHER REDUCE OUR DUTIES.

5. OTHER PRODUCTS. TURKISH DEL IS CONSIDERING THE
DELETION OF THE THREE RAISIN PRODUCTS ON ITS REQUEST
LIST BUT FOR THE MOMENT WISHES TO RESERVE ITS RIGHT
TO PURSUE ITS NON-TARIFF MEASURE NOTIFICATIONS. TURKISH
DEL SEEMED CONTENT WITH GSP TREATMENT FOR UNSHELLED WALNUTS,
SHELLED PISTACHIOS, GROUND PAPRIKA, AND HIDES AND SKINS.

6. RECIPROCITY. TURKISH DEL EXPRESSED NO PROBLEMS
WITH US POSITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO TP GROUP (SEE PARA
2). THEIR POSITION ON RECIPROCITY, HOWEVER, IS THAT
THE MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS THEY WILL MAKE PURSUANT TO
THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC (ALIGNMENT WITH EC CXT)
WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEIR ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE EC WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF THE
CURRENT AVERAGE RATE OF TURKISH DUTIES, NOW 25 PCT, TO
4 PCT. THEY STRESSED THAT 20 PCT OF TURKEY'S CUSTOMS
DUTY WOULD BE HARMONIZED TO EC DUTIES BY THE END OF THIS
YEAR. MTN DEL STATED HE WOULD REPORT THIS POSITION AND
EXPECTED WASHINGTON TO EVALUATE IT. HE NOTED, DESPITE
THE LACK OF SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE ON THE TURKISH TRADE
REGIME, THAT THE US MAY BE INTERESTED IN OTHER MEASURES
SUCH AS NON-TARIFF MEASURES. (ANKARA 62 RECEIVED JAN
21 AND WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN OUR NEXT CONSULTATION
WITH TURKISH DEL.) IN A NEGOTIATION IT WAS MUCH TOO
EARLY TO REACT TO THIS TURKISH POSITION, PARTICULARLY
SINCE TURKEY WOULD MAKE THESE REDUCTIONS EVEN IN THE
ABSENCE OF THE MTN. CULBERT

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